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SUBJECT: TRADE UNIONS MEET

REF: MADRID 9399

1. THE PORTION OF USO (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST TRADE UNION) HEADED BY JOSE MARIA ZUFIAUR MET IN MADRID AS EXPECTED NOVEMBER 27 (REFTEL) AND APPROVED A PLAN FOR MERGER WITH THE LARGER SOCIALIST UGT TRADE UNION. THE VOTE WAS REPORTEDLY 197,000 IN FAVOR VERSUS 329 AGAINST:
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ERESS ACCOUNTS DO NOT INDICATE HOW MANY DEPUTIES WERE PRESENT TO CAST THIS LOPSIDED BALLOT. THE ANTI-MERGER FACTION OF USO (HEADED BY MANUEL ZAGUIRRE) MET AT THE FERIA DEL CAMPO IN MADRID THE SAME DAY TO ROUNDLY DENOUNCE THEIR RIVALS, AND PREDICT THAT ONLY ABOUT ONE PERCENT, OR AT MOST 5000 OF THE USO MILITANTS, WOULD FOLLOW ZUFIAUR INTO THE UGT CAMP: ABOUT 2,500 PEOPLE TURNED

OUT IN THE COLD FOR THE ANTI-MERGER MEETING.

2. ALSO ON THE LABOR FRONT, THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CGT) TRADE UNION HELD ITS FIRST-EVER NATIONAL CONGRESS IN NAVACERRADA NEAR MADRID OVER THE WEEKEND: TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS REPORTEDLY ABOUT 600. THE CGT IS LARGELY AN UNKNOWN FORCE AT THE MOMENT, BUT IS REPORTED TO CONTAIN SOME TRADE UNION INDEPENDENTS AS WELL AS VETERANS OF THE NOW-DISMANTLED SSO. IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS ONE POSSIBLE NUCLEUS FOR A NON-MARXIST ALTERNATIVE UNION. CGT LEADERS CLAIMED 250,000 MEMBERS AS OF THE CONGRESS: THIS IS ALMOST CERTAINLY AN EXAGGERATION, BUT ONLY ELECTIONS CAN SAY OF WHAT MAGNITUDE. NEW UNION LEADERS WERE ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

-- SECGEN: LUCAS RAMOS (STATED TO BE A WORKER AT THE RAILROAD SLEEPING CAR COMPANY OF BARCELONA)

-- VICE SECGEN: ANGEL LOPEZ, A METAL WORKER

-- VICE SECGEN: JOSE MARIA CENERA, AN ARCHITECT

-- VICE SECGEN: MIGUEL ARTIGAS, A CLERK. STABLER

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